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1. WE NEED TO KNOW BY TOMORROW, JANUARY 20, WHETHER
U.S. AGREES TO PROPOSED DATES (WEEK OF JANUARY 30) FOR
MEETINGS OF MTN SUBGROUPS ON DAIRY AND MEAT. MOREOVER
WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP WHETHER WE CAN ACCEPT THE EC PRO-
POSAL FOR SPECIAL AGREEMENT TO HOLD BILATERAL OR PLURI-
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LATERAL DAIRY AND MEAT NEGOTIATIONS AND MOST IMPORTANT-
LY TO WHAT EXTENT WE CAN ENDORSE THE WORKING HYPOTHESES
BEFORE THE TWO GROUPS.

2. ACTION SUGGESTED: SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE COUN-
TRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MEAT AND DAIRY SUBGROUPS WILL
NOT OPPOSE MEETINGS OF THESE SUBGROUPS IN THE WEEK BE-

GINNING JANUARY 30 THE U.S. HAS LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO
AGREE TO THESE DATES.

3. AS REGARDS THE EC DEMAND FOR AN OVERALL UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE PARTICIPANTS OF THOSE GROUPS ARE WILLING TO
ENTER BILATERAL, PLURILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS, THE U.S. HAS NO REASON TO OBJECT, ALTHOUGH SUCH A
COMMITMENT IS NOT QUITE IN LINE WITH THE GROUP AGRICULTURE
DECISION OF JULY 1977 (BUT WE HAVE KNOWN THIS EC POSITION
AT LEAST SINCE TIDEWATER U.S.-EC CONSULTATIONS).

4. AS REGARDS THE EC DEMAND FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRO-
POSALS BEFORE THE GROUP AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS THE
U.S. IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING SHOULD FIRST TEST THE
INSISTENCE WITH WHICH THE EC IS WILLING TO PURSUE THIS
REQUEST. WE THEREFORE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO USE ALTER-
NATIVE LANGUAGE IN TRYING TO MEET THE EC DEMANDS HALFWAY.
WE COULD FOR INSTANCE "ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EC WHEN
ENTERING BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS DOES SO
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS
WILL BE EMBODIED IN AN OVERALL COMMODITY AGREEMENT".
SUCH AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS
TO WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD FINALLY ACCEPT SUCH AN AGREE-
MENT OR WHETHER OTHERS HAVE TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF
THIS HYPOTHESIS.

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5. WE COULD GO FURTHER AND AGREE TO TAKE "ACCOUNT OF
THE PROPOSALS FOR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS" WHEN NEGOTIATING
BILATERALLY OR PLURILATERALLY WITH THE EC ON THE PRODUCTS
INVOLVED. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE CONVEYING THE SAME
MEANING MAY BE USED. HOWEVER, THE U.S. SHOULD NOT GO
BEYOND THE WORDING WE ACCEPTED AT THE LAST MEETING OF SUB-
GROUP DAIRY AS RECORDED IN MTN/DP/W/27/REV.1, I.E., "TO
CONSIDER THE REVISED DOCUMENT AS A WORKING HYPOTHESIS AND
TO DISCUSS AT ITS NEXT MEETING".

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